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AYANA CAHRR

A native Newarker, daughter of Judith Bateman (mgr. of 1060 Broad Street) is an accomplished actress, currently with The East Lynne Company of New York. During Black History Month, she gave a powerful performance in the stage adaptation of Harriet B. Jacobs' "Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl" (1861), at the Newark Public Library. Ayana was assisted by Warren Kliewer and Yvonne Warden of the same company. Ayana is well known on the off-Broadway Stage in New York.

FALLING LEAVES

MS. SADIE VENEY – A fashion consultant, dress and hatmaker over the last forty years. She captivated the styles of the late great Rene Starks and Janet Beadle. She retired form the Newark Health Department a few years ago, she will be missed by family and friends.

MR. GEORGE GLOVER of Linden, NJ, who was a investigator for the Alcoholic Beverage Commission in Newark for 20 years. Served in the Army during the Vietnam War. Surviving are his wife Cathy, a brother William, a stepdaughter and son.

MRS. ANNIE T. BROWN – 98 year old mother of Assemblyman Willie T. Brown, 29th district. Born in Seneca Anderson County, South Carolina. Other survivors are another son, Leroy; three daughters, Mrs. Allean Mance, Mrs. Annie McCoy and Mrs. Amelia A. Warren,, a sister, Mrs. Willie Mae Sherard; 28 grandchildren, 70 great-grandchildren and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

MRS. MARION THOMAS – first lady of the church. The wife of Rev. Charles Thomas of New Hope Baptist Church. Mrs. Thomas who born in Thorpe. W. Va., also continued work for Kiwi Airlines as a flight attendant until about three years ago, when her illness made her incapable of working, the church publicity director said. She began her career at Eastern Airlines.

Her husband and her son, Matthew, survive. Also surviving are a sister, Charlene Price of Upper Marlboro, Md., and two brothers, Richard Pope of Rochester, N.Y., and Tyrone Pope of Oceanside, Calif. Her mother, Emma Pope of Upper Marlboro, also survives.

Also surviving are five stepchildren, the Rev. Vincent Thomas of Smithfield, Va.; Makia Thomas and Sharon Thomas, both of Newark; Robert Thomas of Raleigh, N.C., and Charles Thomas of Hercules, Calif.

Bishop Dr. Jeff Banks, pastor and founder of the Revival Temple Center of Deliverance. Rev. Banks was a teacher, singer, musician and man for all people. Our staff knew the family and worked with him and his brother over the years, we will miss him.

[*NOTE:* We regret the mistake in the name of Mrs. Geraldine G. Foushe's husband, his name is Joseph Foushee.]

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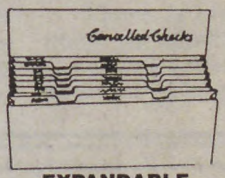

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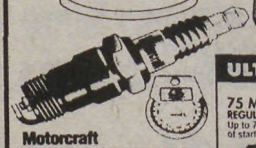

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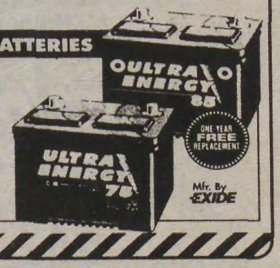

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A half-century ago and more, it was said of the Newark Bears that if they played in the National League, they would win the pennant and meet the Yankees in the World Series.

Nor was this mere hyperbole. Most of the great Yankee stars of the team's glory years served an apprenticeship in Newark, often a lengthy one. The starting lineup in the major league All-Star Game often bore some resemblance to the Bears' roster of a few years before.

Minor league baseball went into decline, a victim of the television age and major league expansion, and the Bears went down with it. They exist now only in the record books and in the memory of old-timers.

There may, however, be a considerable spark of fire from these ashes – a new Bears with a new home in Newark. Plans are on the table for a new league, the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball Clubs, a much more elaborate title than the old International League in which the Bears played.

The team is to play its games, if all goes well, at a new stadium to be build in the Ironbound section of Newark, on the site of an existing field at which the stadium seating is in a poor state of repair. The stadium would also be used as the new home of a professional soccer team. The initial seating capacity was pegged at 6,000 with the potential for a substantial expansion.

This is a concept worthy of support from all of New Jersey. If it succeeds, and the potential for success is apparent, it will be one more step in the revitalization of the city. The stadium would be not so far from the new Center for the Performing Arts and it could easily prove to be a complementary facility that would make Newark an entertainment attraction.

There is one catch, however, and that's the obvious one – money. Essex County Executive James Treffinger and former big-leaguer Rick Cerone, the owner of the new Bears, readily concede that a financing plan is not in place. While the sponsors plan to seek the assistance of a number of public agencies, they are still short the whole price tag of $18 million to $22 million.

It will be difficult to make the deadline of playing minor league baseball in Newark next year, but far from impossible. The price tag is not so high that it is out of reach, particularly if the private sector makes a further investment in the city of Newark.

The new Bears park may be a long way from actuality. But with all that, it still comes closer to the real world than the billion-dollar-plus baseball fantasyland that New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani hopes to see constructed as the new Yankee Stadium on the Hudson.

Unless human nature changes, that will be visible only as a gleam in the major's imaginative eye.

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Steps To Purchasing The Right Computer

by Matthew D. Cheirs

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In what I hope will be the first of many articles, I will try to target the basics of what you need to purchase the right computer that will suit your needs. I will be focusing on what truly matters in this equation, getting the consumer perfectly matched to the right computer. Each person seeks to fulfill a need that varies from one individual to next, as does each design of a system. Lets look at each of the variables and try to match them as evenly as possible. There are three categories that you may fall into. The **Basic PC User**, the **Business User**, and the **Gaming and Graphics User**.

The **Basic PC User**, is interested in running basic applications while getting the most value for their investment. Speed and extended storage capabilities are not as important as functionality. Their needs normally center around being able to write letters and papers, sending E-mail (electronic mailing) to friends or colleagues, and playing a few basic computer games. Students or persons interested in general household computing fall into this area.

The **Business User**, is more structured. They will want to run more than just the basic applications at home or in the office. Their main focus is productivity, so speed is essential as well as, the ability to work in a multi-tasking environment. This user will utilize a PC for writing reports, creating spreadsheets, tracking finances, monitoring databases and logging into the company network.

The **Gaming and Graphics User**, will have their designs set on running highly technical applications, and also interested in productivity. Most crucial to the equation is speed and increased data storage. This enthusiast will use a PC to create graphics, artwork, manipulating images, preparing presentations, and multimedia-style games.

Now with the above information in mind, lets follow up with a few steps designed to make your PC purchase the best suited.

1. Decide what you want to accomplish or do with your computer.
2. Find the software that will help you accomplish this task.
3. Check the recommended requirements (not minimum requirements) for the software and then add a little room (about a step above the requirement) for the system. These descriptions will tell you what computer you must have in order to run the various applications you will need. You don't want a system that is just enough to fulfill the requirements of running the software allowed, you'll want a new system to last at least a couple of years. Remember, what makes a computer obsolete, is the inability perform the functionality of the software requirements.
4. Decide what type of user you are (or what traits you'll use from the information above):
5. Use these next guidelines as described, then you'll be ready select a system with a little more confidence, that emulates your expressive need, (See chart Guideline for Selecting the Perfect System, outlined below).
6. After you've purchased what is to be considered the perfect system, I highly recommend that you inquire about Software Training Classes. It is a well known fact 90% of customer discomfort with their new system can be directed to the lack of proper software association. In conclusion the resolution to this problem is to return entire purchase before the perfect marriage is complete. Ask your sales person about classes – if they're offered at the store, or the nearest location where classes are held.
7. I also recommend that you weigh carefully the issue regarding warranties. The warranty offered to you from the manufacturer, and the one offered to you from the store where you made the purchase.

In short this is a great deal of information to consume, but when it comes to your hard-earned dollars, carefully consider what your investment will gain for you (not just the product the stores and manufacturers offer, but am I also getting the full value for the dollar).

In the future I will be covering, "How to Purchase the Right Printer," "Which Peripherals and Accessories you will need," and I just may touch the surface of "Scanners".

A final note: Qualify yourself as close as possible to the chart "Guidelines for Selecting the Perfect System", outlined below. Conclude if the system requirements meet your needs without exceeding the amount you are willing spend. Take a Software Training, which will ease the relationship between the individual and technology. Evaluate the services, and warranties offered (via the manufacturer or at the store level). After all these guidelines are met then consider your self lucky, for you have truly achieved true **VALUE**.

GUIDELINES FOR SELECTING THE PERFECT SYSTEM

Essentials	Basic PC User	Business User	Gaming Graphics User
Memory: Random-Access Memory (RAM) RAM is temporary storage area used to load program instruction and store files currently in use. Unless a file is permanently on a hard drive, diskettes, or other storage medium, changes to information in RAM are lost when computer is turned off.	16MB	24-32MB	32MB or above
Pentium/MMX: Processing Speed Megahertz(MHa) Used to measure a computer system's speed, one megahertz is equal to 1 million cycle per second.The higher the megahertz,faster the processing speed.	133-166Mhz/166Mhz	166-200Mhz/166Mhz	200Mhz/166-200Mhz
Storage: Size of Hard Drive (HD) High-capacity electronic storage device that stores programs and data. Capacity is measureD in megabytes (MB) or gigabytes (GB). One megabyte is equal to 1 million bytes. One gigabyte is equal to 1 billion bytes. The more applications you use, the more need.	1-1.6GB	1.6-2.5GB	2.5-4GB
Monitor: (SVGA .28dpi) SVGA provides a higher resolution, displays more colors and performs faster than VGA monitors. DPI measures resolution. A small dpi *number translates into sharper images.*	14"-15"	15"-17"	17"-21"
Online: Fax/Modem (Kbps - kilobits per second) Most systemS come equipped with at 28.8Kbps fax/modem for communicating online. Larger numbers mean more bits transmitted per second.	28.8-33.6Kbps	33.6Kbps	33.6Kbps
Multimedia: (CD-ROM Drives/Sound Cards) Most computers today are capable of presenting video, sound, graphics and text data. These multimedia systems include CD-ROM drives sound cards, and speakers.	8x/16 bit	8-12x/16 bit with Wavetable	12 or better/Wavetable

IT'S IN THE STARS

By ADA

ARIES MACH 21 – APRIL 20
Time to clear your mind. The new year will find you with too many irons in the fire. Proceed with confidence and finish that project. Stubbornness will not pay off.

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Follow your intuition. That financial plan you are working on will be completed. Then have some fun – you deserve it.

GEMINI MAY 23 - JUNE 21
Someone will need comforting. You will be a great help to a friend. Try moderation with your finances so that you'll be able to go on that trip you want to take.

CANCER JUNE 22 - JULY 22
Seek good in all things. The new year brings new hope, strength, and vigor. Your efforts will bring you and your mate happiness.

LEO JULY 23 - AUGUST 22
Don't let your impulsiveness lead you into a dangerous situation. You have the will power to pull through. Your family is depending on you this time.

VIRGO AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22
Neatness counts. Speak up you have the inside road. Let your boss know that you are available. A visit with friends will be enjoyable.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21
Your wonderful ability to pursue a clearly defined course of action is at its best. Guard against procrastination. Someone has their eye on you. Don't overlook a good catch.

SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 22
Your love life is in for a shot in the heart. Give your mate the attention they are asking for and you won't regret it. Timidness might cause you to miss out. Step right up to the bat.

CAPRICORNUS DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20
Time to brush the cobwebs out of your mind and get busy on a new project so that you can once again feel the joy of accomplishment. You have the capabilities.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19
Exercise your leadership ability this month. You and your mate will be pleasantly surprised at how much you will gain. An organization has you in mind for an important role.

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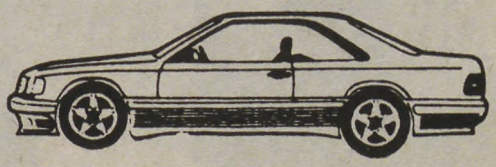

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Mayor Sharpe James

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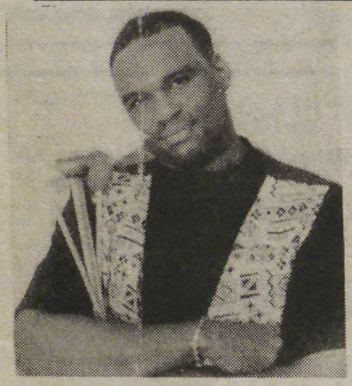

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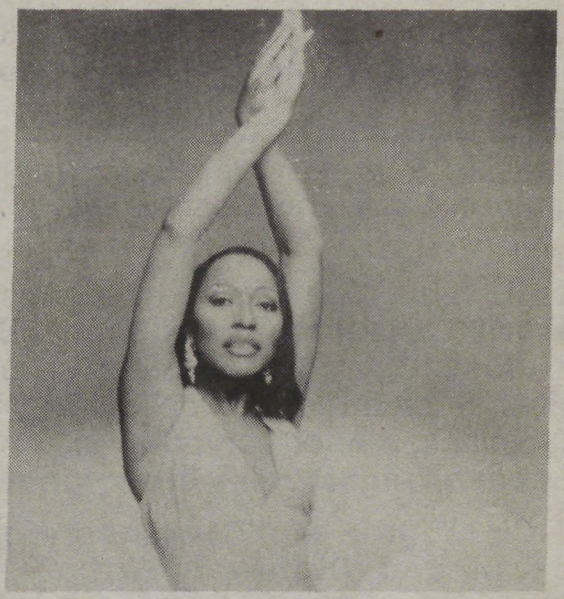

Mayor Sharpe James Birthday Celebration was a smash – folks from all over showed up to hear Shirley Marshall sing her heart out.

Check out the photo (on page 8) of our Mayor "gettin' down" with the Electric Slide! (smiles)

All Hail the Chief!

Our very own Congressman Donald Payne, hailing President Clinton on his overwhelming victory for a second term.

Here's Donna Sparks at the Omni Shorham Hotel, Washington, DC for the Presidential Inauguration ball held this past January... looking good, too!

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AFTER HOURS AFTER HOURS...

They said that the **Mayor Sharpe James'** birthday party at the **Club 21**, would not be packed – but they lied! **Shirley Marshall**, the sensation and her band plus a zillion nice people made it an "evening of total enjoyment" *(see her photo on the center page)*... We wish to send condolences to **Angelo Continas** on the loss of his Mom... **Cat's Kitchen,** the home of home made jams, preserves, butter and relishes. Call **Catherine J. Lenix Hooker** at 623-4031 – smiles... Too bad that **Top Brass** at the Robert Treat Hotel, doesn't pick up on **Calvin Hughes and the Sophisticated Gents.** Best small group in the land... We just found out that **Delores E. Johnson** worked for **Grand Travel Inc.** at 70 Lyons Ave. in Newark, NJ... East Orange folks are saying that **Mayor Cardell Cooper** might have an announcement soon! – smiles... Lawyers come and go, but **Ronald Thompson**'s service lingers on forever. Got a problem? call him at 201-6731001 or 908-289-5297... **Margarita Monty** has her handicap sign – smiles... **Martin L. Erwin** and **Tally C. Talbot** soon to join the staff of the *Black Mirror News*... Cranford's **Maxine Harvard Unlimited** still going strong... **Deborah Terrell** is the lady at Ann Street School – sweet and delovely... Visual artists making their presence felt are **Reggie Stroud, Indira Bailey, Phylisha Gilchrease** and **Burnett Curtis Grayson III** at the African Globe Theater... We know that there are many young Black heros, **Derail Wiley**'s one them. His parents and he was raised in Baxter Terrace, Newark, NJ. He was honored being Pittsburgh's of the Year... Don't forget to pick up "She's Been Blessed," a novel by **Dorothy M. Hazzard**.

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FOR WRITE IN VOTES
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QUESTION
Pregunta

PROPOSITION FOR PUBLIC RATIFICATION OF GUARANTY ORDINANCE – "Shall an ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Newark, passed on October 16, 1996, entitled: GUARANTY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON CERTAIN GENERAL OBLIGATION GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1996 E-H (SPORTSPLEX PROJECT) OF THE ESSEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING $11,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SECURITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTHORITY'S SPORTSPLEX PROJECT be ratified?"

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT: The purpose of this proposition is to present to the voters the question as to whether an ordinance that provides for a guarantee by the City of bonds to be issued by the Essex County Improvement Authority ("Authority"), in connection with the financing and building of a Sports Complex ("Sportsplex") in the City of Newark, should be ratified. The Authority will issue Authority bonds to finance the construction of the Sportsplex, to be located primarily upon County owned land at a site known as Riverbank Park. The Sportsplex is to include a minor league level professional baseball stadium which will serve as home to a professional minor league baseball team. The Sportsplex will also include a soccer stadium, as well as a replacement park containing tennis and basketball courts, soccer fields, a baseball field, a roller blade park and playgrounds for general recreational use. The two professional league stadiums would also be used to host local area college and high school athletic events, public recreational league championships and other special events.

Voting **"YES"** to this proposition would mean that the bonds to be issued by the Authority, in a principal amount not to exceed $11 million dollars plus interest, will be secured both by a full faith and credit guarantee pledge of the City of Newark and by a full faith and credit lease repayment pledge of the City of Newark. Voting **"NO"** would mean that the City guaranty ordinance passed by the City Council on October 16, 1996, authorizing the guarantee of such Authority bonds would remain inoperative and that financing of the Sportsplex project would proceed without the City guarantee of the Authority's bonds, but still secured by the full faith and credit lease repayment pledge of the City of Newark.

Yes **No**

PROPOSICIÓN PARA RATIFICACIÓN PÚBLICA DE UNA ORDENANZA DE GARANTÍA DE BONOS (OBLIGACIONES) – "¿Deberá una ordenanza del Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Newark, aprobada el 16 de octubre de 1996, titulada: ORDENANZA DE GARANTÍA DE LA CIUDAD DE NEWARK EN EL CONDADO DE ESSEX DEL ESTADO DE NUEVA JERSEY REFERENTE AL PAGO DEL CAPITAL Y DEL INTERÉS DE CIERTOS BONOS GARANTIZADOS DE INGRESOS DE ARRENDAMIENTO DE OBLIGACIONES PÚBLICAS, SERIES 1996 E-H (PROYECTO DE UN COMPLEJO DE DEPORTES) DE LA AUTORIDAD DE MEJORAMIENTO DEL CONDADO DE ESSEX POR UNA CANTIDAD TOTAL DE CAPITAL SIN EXCEDER $11,000,000. CON EL PROPÓSITO DE PROVEER GARANTÍA ADICIONAL CON RESPECTO AL COMPLEJO DE DEPORTES DE LOS BONOS DE LA AUTORIDAD ser ratificada?"

INTERPRETACIÓN: El propósito de esta proposición es el de presentar a los votantes la pregunta sobre si una ordenanza que provee una garantía de la Ciudad para bonos que serán emitidos por la Autoridad de Mejoramiento del Condado de Essex ("Autoridad"), con relación al financiamiento y la construcción de un complejo de deportes ("Sportsplex") en la Ciudad de Newark, debe de ser ratificada. La Autoridad emitirá bonos para financiar la construcción del complejo de deportes, el cual estará principalmente localizado sobre terreno de la propiedad del Condado en un lugar conocido como el Parque Riverbank. El complejo de deportes incluiría un estadio de béisbol para ligas menores a nivel profesional que serviría como casa para un equipo de béisbol profesional para ligas menores. El complejo de deportes también incluirá un estadio de fútbol (soccer), además de un parque de reemplazo conteniendo canchas de tenis y baloncesto, campos de fútbol, un campo de béisbol, un parque de patinaje de ruedas, y patios de recreo para uso general. Los dos estadios de ligas profesionales serían además utilizados para presentar eventos atléticos de colegios locales en la área y de escuelas secundarias al igual que para ligas de campeonatos recreacionales y otros eventos especiales.

El votar **"SÍ"** sobre esta proposición significaría que los bonos por ser emitidos por la Autoridad, en una cantidad de capital total que no excederá $11 millones de dólares, más intereses, serían asegurados por ambos un compromiso de garantía de crédito y de plena fe de la Ciudad de Newark y un compromiso de reembolso del crédito de arrendamiento y de plena fe de la Ciudad de Newark. El votar **"NO"** significaría que la ordenanza de garantía de la Ciudad de Newark, aprobada por el Concejo Municipal el 16 de octubre de 1996, autorizando la garantía de dichos bonos de la Autoridad continuaría inválida y el financiamiento del proyecto para el complejo de deportes procedería sin la garantía de la Ciudad de los bonos de la Autoridad, pero seguirían asegurados por un compromiso de reembolso del crédito de arrendamiento y de plena fe de la Ciudad de Newark.

Sí **No**

VOTERS ATTENTION!

Familiarize yourselves with this ballot and instructions. It will assist you in voting, and save time on Election Day.

IMPORTANT!

All voters who can, should vote early in the day and thus avoid possibility of congestion and inconvenience to themselves and others near the close of the polls.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. Move the red handle of the curtain lever to the right as far as it will go, and leave it there. (This closes the curtains and unlocks the machine for voting.)

2. Turn down a pointer over the words Yes or No in the Public Question Column

from this position to this position

and leave it down. If you desire to change your vote you may do so by merely turning up any pointer in question, and then turning down any other pointer of your choice. Your final choice of pointers must be left down or the vote will not record.

3. Starting at the left of the face of the machine, in the Public Question column, vote by turning down one pointer over the words Yes or No to be voted on.

4. After turning down the pointer you desire, leave it down, then move the red handle of the curtain lever to the left as far as it will go, and leave it there. (This records your vote, returns all pointers and slides to their unvoted position, and opens the curtains.)

REMEMBER: No votes are counted until the red handle is moved back to the left.

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2. Mueva hacia abajo el indicador sobre la palabra "SI" o "NO" en la columna de la Pregunta Pública

da esta posición a esta posición

y déjelo abajo. Si usted desea cambiar su voto, usted puede hacerlo simplemente moviendo el indicador hacia arriba y después hacia abajo el otro indicador. Su selección de indicador debe ser dejado hacia abajo, o el voto no registrará.

3. Comenzando al lado izquierdo del frente de la máquina, en la columna de la Pregunta Pública, vote simplemente moviendo el indicador hacia abajo sobre la palabra "SI" o "NO".

4. Después de haber movido hacia abajo el indicador que desee, déjelo abajo y mueva el mango rojo de la palanca de la cortina hacia la izquierda lo más lejos que pueda, y déjelo ahí. (Esto proceso registra su voto, regresa el indicador a su posición de no votar, y abre la cortina.)

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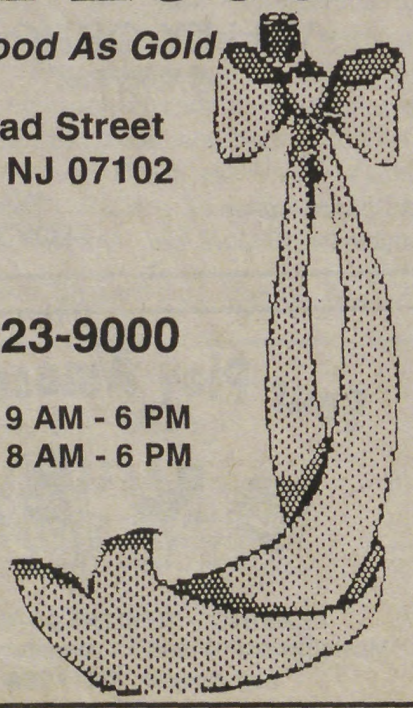

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